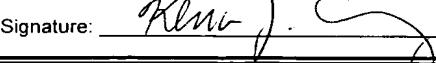




<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. SIW-016
Application No. 09/982587-Conf. #7569	Filing Date October 17, 2001	Examiner M. Ruthkosky		Art Unit 1745
Applicant(s): Yosuke Fujii et al.				
Invention: A FUEL CELL SEPARATOR HAVING A CHANNEL FORMED USING A SEALING MEMBER (as amended)				
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>				
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate
Total Claims	6	- 20 =	x	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	x	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>				
Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within second month 420.00				
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b> 420.00				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity				
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0080 in the amount of \$ 420.00 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-0080 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.				
 Dated: October 30, 2003				
Kevin J. Canning Attorney Reg. No.: 35,470				
LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP 28 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (617) 227-7400				
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV311018589US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below. Dated: October 30, 2003      Signature:  (Kevin J. Canning)				

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 420.00)**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/982587-Conf. #7569
Filing Date	October 17, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yosuke Fujii
Examiner Name	M. Ruthkosky
Art Unit	1745
Attorney Docket No.	SIW-016

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**
 Check  Credit Card  Money Order  Other  None  
 Deposit Account:
Deposit Account Number **12-0080**Deposit Account Name **Lahive & Cockfield, LLP**

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account. |   |

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES****Large Entity Small Entity**

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	420.00
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 420.00)**

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

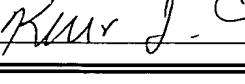
**SUBMITTED BY**

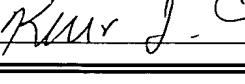
## (Complete if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Kevin J. Canning	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,470	Telephone	(617) 227-7400
Signature				Date	October 30, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV311018589US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: October 30, 2003

Signature:  (Kevin J. Canning)

O I P E OCT 3 0 2003 P A T E N T & T R A D E M A R K S E R V I C E	I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV311018589US, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.  Dated: October 30, 2003 Signature:  (Kevin J. Canning)	
---	---	--



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Yosuke Fujii *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/982,587

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: A FUEL CELL SEPARATOR HAVING A  
CHANNEL FORMED USING A SEALING  
MEMBER (*as amended*)

Attorney Docket No.: SIW-016

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Certificate of Express Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.10)**

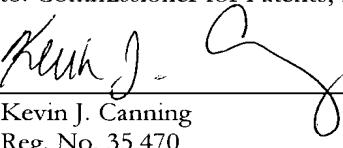
Express Mail No. EV 311 018 589 US

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to therein as enclosed are being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service as Express mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date set forth below.

October 30, 2003

Date of Signature and Mail Deposit

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kevin J. Canning  
Reg. No. 35,470  
Attorney for Applicants

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003, the response period of which is extended to October 30, 2003 by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-titled application as follows.